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## SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our  
Neighbor Towns.

### AT ADAMS TODAY.

Death of Mrs. Roger Murphy—  
Saturday's Ball Game—Re-  
publican Club Room Opened.

### THE CAMPAIGN OPENED.

As well as the New Quarters of the  
McKinley and Hobart Club  
in Bank Block.

The McKinley and Hobart club's new quarters in Bank block were opened Saturday evening in a very interesting way and the "campaign of education" was fairly started. The new quarters, furnished with an unlimited supply of Republican literature and all the leading sound money periodicals, will be open Saturday afternoon and every evening except Sunday. James P. Magenis was chairman of Saturday evening's meeting. The other speakers were President George P. Lawrence of the state senate, Register Fred R. Shaw, Frank W. Spaulding, clerk and treasurer of the Adams Fire District and a gold Democrat, and Editor E. E. Ryan, of North Adams. Mr. Magenis opened the meeting with a few remarks and President Lawrence followed. He treated the financial issue in a general way, mentioning Vermont's recent vote. He said the tariff should not be lost sight of, spoke of the Democratic platform's repudiation of the Supreme court's decision on the income tax, and explained in a general way the fallacy of free silver. In closing he hoped the country would be freed of such a menace to its institutions as "Tilmanism and Albigensism." Mr. Shaw's remarks were chiefly on the money question and Mr. Spaulding spoke on the same issue, from a veteran's view. Mr. O'Brien's address was general and dwelt chiefly upon the inability of this country to establish a ratio between gold and silver without the assistance of other great powers. Mr. Ryan told of the Democratic caucus in his city and deplored the action of gold Democrats in staying away from them. A letter of regret from Ashley B. Wright who was absent on account of illness was read by the chairman. A quartet comprising Lester A. Hart, Thomas Carney, Frank Goodnow and Dr. C. W. Burton rendered several selections.

### SATURDAY'S BALL GAME.

Empire James Doyle of Pittsfield won  
for Stanley.

The greatest enthusiasm shown at a baseball game for years was displayed at the game between the Stanleys of Pittsfield and the Renfrews on the Renfrew grounds Saturday afternoon. James Doyle of Pittsfield was umpire and the score was 3 to 1 in his favor. There was a very large crowd on the grounds and a prettier exhibition of the national game, up to the seventh inning would be impossible. Then came a show of partial and unfair treatment so much as to be a disgrace to any ball field and an offense to the spectators as well as the players. Renfrew scored twice runs, two of them on a fly ball knocked by Murphy into left field. Murphy scored himself and umpire Doyle said his fly was an infield hit and declared him out. In the first half of the eighth Lombard of Pittsfield was on third base and a fly was knocked to Marsh in left field. Marsh caught the ball and Lombard started home long before he did so. The ball was fielded to third and the umpire who saw the play, calmly called the runner safe. McBride and Ralphy did great battery work, Welch played well at first as also did Murphy at second, Smith Buckley and McBride hit well. In the eighth inning the spectators rushed upon the diamond and it looked for a few minutes as though the umpire would be mobbed.

Following is the score by innings:  
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Stanleys 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Renfrews 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1  
Hits, Stanleys 5, Renfrews 8; errors, Stanleys 7; Renfrews 6; two base hit, Buckley; stolen base, Coyne 3; Lombard 2; Clark, Marsh, Murphy, Smith, Ralphy 2; double play, Murphy and Welch; bases on balls, Stanleys 4, Renfrews 1; struck out by Umpire, 10; by McBride, 8; hit by pitched ball, T. Davis; umpire, J. Doyle of Pittsfield.

### Mrs. Ann Murphy.

Mrs. Ann Murphy, wife of Roger Murphy, died at her home on Park street at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Murphy was born in Derlin, County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1818 and came to this town from that place with her husband and children 30 years ago. She had nine children, of whom these survive: Mr. Martin Shields and Mrs. James McNamara of this town, Mrs. Dillon of Pittsfield and Miss Bridget and John Murphy of this town. Those deceased are: Rev. Fr. Thomas Murphy late of Otto River, Bernard Murphy, Mrs. Patrick Barrett. She is also survived by husband, two brothers, John and Hugh McNulty and by one sister, Mrs. Nora Keilher and Miss Kate Murphy who died in Ireland. Mrs. Murphy has been ill for more than a year and death has been momentarily expected for the past three weeks. Her death is due to blood poisoning which came from a felon upon her hand. Mrs. Murphy was a kind and amiable woman who always had a kind word for those in affliction and at all times was willing to offer a helping hand to those who needed assistance. She and her family were always held in high estimation by the entire community. The funeral occurred from St. Charles Catholic church at 8 o'clock this morning and interment was made in the family lot at Maple street cemetery.

Miss Harriet Richmond of this town has accepted a position as teacher in the first grade of one of Brooklyn's public schools.

Tim C. Brown who took charge of the clothing department of a store in Gardner, sometime since has moved his family to that town.

The L. L. Brown paper company is preparing an exhibit of hand made paper for the coming American exposition at New York. One of the company's employees in this department will work there.

On account of the present business condition, Manager H. O. Hicks of the opera house has decided not to open the season until later.

"Getting ready for usefulness" was the topic of Sunday evening's meeting of the Baptist Young People's union, which was led by Rev. H. B. Fosskett. A cow owned by J. H. Sumner of Bellevue avenue bore a calf Friday with two heads, four forward legs and two bodies as far back as the ribs. The monstrous died soon after its birth. Dr. O. W. Burton has been elected chairman of the board of library trustees. The Woman's Relief corps will meet at Grand Army hall Tuesday evening. The Berkshire Relief corps will start this morning and will run all the week. Mrs. Steadon held Sunday evening's Epworth league meeting on this topic: "Enemies through greed of Gain."

The local branch of the Epworth league will hold an ice cream social at the home of Louis Amell on Booser street, Wednesday afternoon and evening.

These local suits will be tried at the October session of the superior courts: P. H. Donohue vs. Thomas Brigham; Martin J. O'Hara vs. the Bigelow company of Providence, R. I.; First National bank of Adams vs. William Whitlsey of Pittsfield.

A free lecture on Armenia was delivered at the Congregational church Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Filian, pastor of an Armenian Congregational church. A stereopticon was used to illustrate the lecture.

Rev. Fr. D. C. Moran returned Saturday night from a visit to Ireland. The trip did him a noticeable amount of good.

Company M's regular drill comes this evening.

Henry Garvey, who has been playing baseball all summer at Auburn, N. Y., came home today and will return to Holy Cross college Tuesday.

The Young Men's Literary and Debating society will begin meetings again a week from Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. O. I. Darling preached at St. Paul's Universalist church Sunday morning on "Good News." Communion was served.

Rev. H. B. Fosskett's sermons Sunday were on these themes: "The sublime courage of the Christ in the Face of Complicity," and "Bad Bargains."

Rev. H. M. Boyce preached at Trinity Methodist church Sunday morning on "Hindrances to the Gospel of Christ."

T. H. Osborne the "drummer evangelist," will begin a week of revival meetings in Trinity Methodist church Sunday.

Adams court of American Foresters will meet at Hibernian hall this evening.

The J. S. Adams baseball nine was defeated by the Daltons Saturday at Dalton. Officer John Ford's child, Estella, was buried in Pittsfield Sunday.

The little son of Officer Henry Brodeur is dangerously ill with lung fever.

Assistant Superintendent P. J. Stanton of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company has paid to Loring A. Dean, \$34, the face value of a policy held on the life of his mother, the late Mrs. Harriet C. Dean.

There are 454 pupils at the Renfrew school building which has been overcrowded in former years with less than 400.

Alexander Dexter and William Jones were in court this morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. They were placed on probation.

There are these new applicants for naturalization papers: Henry Grein and Henry G. Ruelser, Beech street; Pierre Verhot, Emil F. Hannequin and F. F. Miller, Bellevue avenue.

John F. Riley has resigned his position with Charles Lettiche.

The election will hold their regular weekly meeting this evening, at their office in the town hall.

Miss Mary Porter is visiting friends in Arlington, N. J.

### CHESHIRE.

Miss K. Madden of Binghamton, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. M. Costigan.

Miss Lena Scott and Miss Mable McCaskey of North Adams were guests of Miss Nellie Jacques Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Pettit of Otisville, Ill., a former townsmaid, is stopping in town for a few weeks among relatives and friends.

Mrs. William Dunn and her sons William and Charles and daughter, from Europe, are stopping with Levi J. Fisk, her brother.

The ball game Saturday was the all-absorbing humorous entertainment for the Cheshire folk. The clubs were chosen by Howard Northrup on the one side and Warren Dean on the other. F. N. Reynolds was umpire. Many of the players were not at all in practice and everyone was bent on a good time and all the take off possible to make it in part amusing.

The score was 40 to 29 in favor of Northrup. After the game twenty-seven sat down to a nice supper at Cheshire Inn.

Lois Dean is on a vacation from her book-keeping at W. B. Dean's office. She is at Stamford, Conn.

The Baptist ladies and society met at A. J. Leonard's last Friday.

Some large sized birds are seen about the reservoir and it is reported that some of them are eagles.

The patrons of the butter factory are much better suited than they were with the cheese making profits for many years past at the same place.

Albert Tompkins and wife of Worthington are guests of Luther Bennett.

Rev. E. E. Jenkins of Palmer is in town for a short stay.

### WILLIAMSTOWN.

Delegates Elected.

Local Democrats held a caucus at the district court room Friday evening and elected these delegates: State convention, E. P. Morehouse, William Upton and George Buseno; congressional and councilor conventions, C. M. Smith, William J. Crowe and George W. Nichols; county and senatorial, M. W. Kelly, John Ennis and Thomas Dunphy.

This town committee was elected: George Dunsen, Edward Curtis, George W. Sweet, M. W. Kelly, Thomas Dunphy, W. J. Crowe, William Upton, E. C. Clark, Clarence M. Smith, George H. Prindle, M. O'Brien, C. S. Cole, P. H. Maloney, Simon Galvin, Joseph Major and James Maloney.

The caucus was larger than local caucuses usually are. C. S. Cole explained that he was a gold man and would support McKinley, and D. J. Neyland, said that he also was in favor of gold, but would not support the Republican candidate.

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School Committee Women.

Among the recent arrivals at the Graylock are these: Chief Justice R. Earl of the United States district supreme court of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Nixon of Philadelphia; Dr. and Mrs. George C. Dilliver of Boston; Thomas B. Cowen, of New York, Williams '86; Dr. Brooks H. Wells, of New York; A. C. Schuyler of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pitkin Fatur of Philadelphia.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery of Maple street died this morning of diphtheria.

Mrs. F. H. Daniels is in Troy visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julius Pfau.

W. L. Crozier has returned from St. Paul, where he attended the Grand Army encampment.

One hundred new boxes are being set in place at the postoffice.

C. B. Fowler will move his bakery from its present location to Main street Saturday afternoon.

F. H. Daniels has returned from a business trip to New York.

Rev. Mr. Mail delivered an interesting address at the Congregational church Sunday in behalf of Whitman college of Oregon.

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### BLACKINTON.

John P. Blackinton and W. A. Hopkins are home from a three weeks visit to the state of Maine.

Miss Calvert a trained nurse and recent graduate of the North Adams hospital is coming to Blackinton.

The F. M. T. A. society are preparing for concert to be held Wednesday evening September 24. It is expected that the "Western Gateway" Lady Cadets will be present and give an exhibition drill.

William Fallon, Michael J. Fleming and William Stark will attend the county convention of Temperance societies to be held at Pittsfield next Sunday as delegates from the local society.

There is much complaint heard from property owners here in regard to the stealing of fruit, etc. There seem to be a mania among some of our boys for stealing grapes. Not satisfied with stealing the fruit they tear down the vines and in some cases have entirely destroyed young vines. This is very aggravating to the owners and if the thing continues an example will be made of some of the guilty ones as their names are known. So boys go slow or go to jail.

### BRAYTONVILLE.

Superintendent Thomas W. Sykes returned home Wednesday evening from a trip to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bates visited friends in Albany this week.

John Dryden has returned home from a trip to New York.

Miss Grace Startevort of Savoy is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. C. T. Lewis.

James Drysdale is home from Scotland. Charles Lewis and his sister Dora visited relatives in Savoy Thursday.

The Democrats of Ward 1 held their caucus here Friday evening. The meeting was called to order in the second story of Brown's store by P. J. Mullen. Owen Haggerty was chosen secretary. A motion was then carried that the meeting be adjourned to the school house, where delegates to the several conventions were unanimously chosen.

### POWNA.

Pownal 9, North Adams 2.

North Adams met defeat at the hands of the local team Saturday on "Wright Field" by the above score. Downey pitched magnificent game allowing but two hits and striking out fifteen men.

The features of the game were C. Jones' short-stop work, the batting of Colwell, who made two singles, one double and a triple. The North Adams team made one run in the first and never scored again until the last inning when they got one more.

Score of Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Pownal 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
North Adams 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2  
Batters, Downey and Moun, Musterson and Blain. Umpire, Rickard.

On the Writing of History.

As Frodo would have it, man must change the style in which he thinks and writes about the past. It is in a drama to be watched with awe, and we must let the actors say their own play and the parts assigned them, not interpret what we think as "he play goes on, for we must definitely understand that these men are not merely tapestries or 'gods who sit among their perfect work,' but flesh and blood, with hearts and minds like us.

Who sell and laugh and struggle through their life, when whom it is our business to make live as far as literature will permit, for, like it or we may, the fact remains that history is but the record of our great men's lives. True as Mazarin's revelations are about the intrigues of the great in a decadent age, in them the thought, and feelings of the times, which dimly shimmered in all lesser minds, are focused, concentrated and flash forth.

They are the spokesmen of the voiceless mass from whom they have come forth, from whom they draw the inspiration which still urges on. They are the signs and products of the time. Could we but understand them we should have learned all. But how do we do this is the question to be faced.

It is impossible, says Thackeray, who argues that at best we can but guess as to the character of these great men. We start with wrong impressions and misjudgments, or after years of intimacy some stray word can change our whole conception of a man. We have no perfect knowledge of ourselves. What hope then is there we can ever know those men who move among the far-off mists, about whom jarring histories exist, which cannot be reduced to unison?

"Oh, venerable daughter of Momoemosa," he cries, "I doubt every single statement you ever made since your infancy was untrue. For all your grave airs and high pretensions, you are not a whit more trustworthy than some of your lighter sisters on whom your parlans look down."

Gentleman's Magazine.

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## PFEIFER'S TRIUMPH.

Pfeifer was a sergeant of marines, a fine, big, soldierly fellow, with a long, tawny mustache and wide open blue eyes that gave his stolid German face a frank, honest look, indicative of his character. It was in his service in the German army, before he left the fatherland for a new home in the "land of the free," that his broad, sturdy shoulders were "set up" in such soldierly fashion. He was a sergeant in the emperor's army, and afterward, when he came out to America and enlisted in the navy, he found service as a Jacky rather distasteful. The brief authority he had had as a sergeant had unfitted him a little for life in the ranks again, and although he was a good seaman and a faithful Jacky he grumbled under his breath once in awhile because the chance of advancement was so small and promotion so slow.

So, when his term was up, Pfeifer did not re-enlist. But he found after a little that he could not keep out of the service, and so he held up his hand beside his bare head and swore again to uphold the constitution and the government of the United States, but this time it was as a member of the marine corps, "a bloomin', jolly soldier and sailor too."

In the marine corps Pfeifer found that in his service the other two arms helped him very much. He was as steady as he was stolid, and as faithful as both. He knew the regulations backward, and all the requirements and duties of every man and officer in the corps. So when his rapid promotion landed him as a sergeant, he slid into the routine of his duties as easily and as smoothly as a seal slips off a basking rock into the sea. After awhile Pfeifer got an assignment to duty which made him very happy. He was detailed to command a detachment of marines on a United States warship under orders to patrol the Bering sea on the lookout for seal poachers.

There are no superfluous officers in the marine corps, and it sometimes happens that a sergeant has command of a small detachment on such duty. Pfeifer was delighted, and the men in his command were put through their drills and drills with a thorough exactness which surprised some of them and made them a little inclined to grumble. The sergeant was a strict disciplinarian, and the men felt it, but he was not a martinet and he was enthusiastic for the service, and so the men settled down in the consciousness that Pfeifer was all right.

The warship went on her cruise and came back again, and Pfeifer's men were the pride of his heart. In not the smallest detail had the regulations suffered by their action, and the sergeant was happy as he contemplated the report he would make to his commanding officer. Then the warship was ordered to the Mare island yard for extensive repairs.

Now, there is a time honored and glorious custom of saluting the flag when a ship goes out on commission, in which the marines who have seen service on her take the largest part. The officers and the crew go ashore, all but one Jacky. Then the marines are drawn up on the quarter deck, facing the flag which flutters from the staff at the taffrail. The solitary Jacky throws his cap on the deck and stands bareheaded with his hand on the flag halyards, ready at the word of command to haul down the starry symbol of the nation's life and power. As the Jacky goes at his work and the flag begins to sink, the officer in command of the marines shouts: "Present arms!"

Up go the guns with a rattle and a snap, and until the single Jacky has gathered the glorious flag in his arms to keep it from touching the deck as he hauls it down, every man Jack of the marines stands like a statue, with his eyes fixed on the stars and stripes and his rifle at salute. Then the marines march away. Jacky folds up the flag and tucks it in its berth, and the ship is out on commission.

Pfeifer knew every detail of the process. He could almost have told beforehand the very deck plank on which he would stand when he gave the order to salute the flag. He was all ready for the last order from the captain, but when it came it nearly knocked him down, for it was not the order he had expected. And, worse than that, it was not the proper order. The captain commanded him to "take his man ashore, draw them up on the wharf and from that position to salute the flag as it flutters down for the last time on the warship."

Pfeifer was absolutely astounded. For a minute almost he stood like a man stunned. Then an extraordinary thing happened. The stolid German servant, with whom obedience to orders was as natural and as necessary as the breath of life, broke every tenet and tradition of the regulations and protested at the captain's order. All the training of his years of service deserted him, and the man who, at his captain's command, would have stood his ground to the last gun fire and after that preserved arms in death, rebelled when he found that captain breaking the glorious custom of years. It was to him the revelation and the demonstration of the impossible. The whole of the traditions of arms, navy and marine service came tumbling about his ears. The very foundations of belief were shattered by the single command which showed the sergeant that a captain who did not know his duty was, after all, a possibility. The color went out of Pfeifer's face, and he grew deathly pale. Then he saluted and said:

"But I beg your pardon, sir. It is not the regulation. I should salute from the quarter deck."

If he had received a blow in the face, the captain could not have been more surprised. It was a serious thing, indeed, when Pfeifer protested at an order. But the sergeant's objection was well grounded. It recalled the regulation to the captain's ears, but his first order was a mistake. Nevertheless it was his order and he would not reverse it. He reiterated an instant and then:

"You heard the order," he said. "Obey it."

They were standing on the main deck just outside the executive officer's office. The executive was at his desk finishing up the last of his work before going ashore. The window was open, and he heard all that was said by the captain and the sergeant. When he heard the order repeated, the executive looked out of the window. He saw Pfeifer standing, white faced and determined, facing the angry captain. The sergeant broke in quick, short gasps,

and as the executive watched he lifted his hand again in salute and said:

"The moment my men and I are ashore, sir, we are no longer under your command. My superior officer then is the commandant of the marine barracks. If I go ashore



